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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7: C07C 255/46; C07C 255/44; C07C 255/45; C07D 277/02; C07D 277/20; C07D 277/30; A61K 31/426;
A61P 19/00; A61P 19/00; A61P 19/08; A61P 19/10

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7: C07C; C07D; A61K; A61P

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base, and, where practicable, search terms used):
Keywords: "cathepsin", "cysteine", "nitrile", "protease", "amide", "amido", Canadian Patent Database; PLUSPAT; STN-CAPLUS;
ACS PUB, BIO MED CENTRAL; WEST; SCIRUS; DELPHION; EPO

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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X	CA 2439415 (PRASIT, ET AL) 12 September 2002	1
Y	Claim 1, Scheme 1c, pages 54-55	2-13
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P, X	US 20030232863 (BAYLY, ET AL) 18 December 2003 see whole document	1-13

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C[X].

Patent family members are listed in annex[X].

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A	J. Med. Chem. (WARD, ET AL) Vol. 45, No. 25, pages 5471-5482, 2002 see whole document, especially Tables 1-3	1-13

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons :

1. ☐ Claims Nos. :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority; namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1 (**searched incompletely**)
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically :
The large number of theoretically conceivable compounds that can result from the combination and permutation of all the claimed substituents in claim 1 precludes a complete and comprehensive search. Claim 1 so lack support and the application so lack enabling disclosure that the scope of subject matter for which protection is sought cannot be delineated with certainty. The search has therefore been carried out for compounds which appear to be fully supported and disclosed, namely, compounds that are structurally similar to the examples, especially compounds according to the formula in claims 1-13 having the following attributes: R¹ and R² together form cycloalkyl; R³ and R⁴ are each alkyl optionally substituted by halo atoms; E and D are each phenyl, wherein together, they form biphenyl; and G is alkyl, cycloalkyl or alkylcycloalkyl.
3. ☐ Claims Nos. :
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observation where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos. :
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos. :

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